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SUBJECT: KOMSOMOL FIRST SECRETARY VISIT TO THE U.S.

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1. DEPARTMENT VIEWS WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST THE POSSIBILITY OF A TYAZHEL'NIKOV VISIT REPORTED REFTEL. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON A POSSIBLE PROGRAM FOR HIM WHICH CAN BE AMENDED, AS NECESSARY, TO INCLUDE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS.

2. WE WOULD ASK T AT TYAZHEL'NIKOV PLAN TO SPEND THREE WEEKS IN THE U.S., BUT WOULD BE PREPARED TO DROP TO TWO WEEKS IF HE IS UNABLE TO STAY AWAY THAT LONG (AS WILL PROBABLY BE THE CASE). HE MAY WISH TO HEAD A SMALL DELEGATION AND WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO FUND UP TO THREE

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PERSONS INCLUDING TYAZHEL'NIKOV.

3. SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM WOULD REVOLVE AROUND U.S. ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PLAY ROLES IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS -- WHICH MEANS STARTING AT THE YOUTH LEVEL AND PROCEEDING THROUGH UNIVERSITIES TO FUNCTIONING LEVELS OF STATE AND FEDERAL POLITICAL SYSTEMS. WE ALSO NOTE TYAZHEL'NIKOV'S EARLIER CAREER AS RECTOR OF A PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE, AND WOULD

PLAN ON GIVING HIM SOME LIMITED EXPOSURE TO EDUCATION. THE PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE WHATEVER REGIONAL DIVERSITY COULD BE COMFORTABLY ENCOMPASSED IN HIS ITINERARY, AND WE WOULD PLAN FOR A BRIEF STAY IN A SMALL TOWN, AS WELL AS A VISIT TO A FARM OR AGRO-BUSINESS.

4. A JANUARY TIMING FOR THE VISIT MIGHT BE MORE PROPITIOUS THAN DECEMBER. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHORTENS THE MONTH DRASTICALLY AND LIMITS THE PLAY WE HAVE ON PROGRAMMING. A JANUARY ARRIVAL MIGHT ALSO HOLD SOME INTEREST FOR HIM IN PRE- AND POST-INAUGURAL POLITICAL EVENTS.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY ASCERTAIN WHETHER JANUARY ARRIVAL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, AND WHETHER TYAZHEL'NIKOV WOULD PLAN TO HAVE A SMALL ENTOURAGE WITH HIM. ANY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS HE HIMSELF WOULD HAVE WOULD OF COURSE BE MOST USEFUL FOR US IN OUR PLANNING. KISSINGER

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